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**San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 47619**

*Description:* ff. i + iv + 117 + iii + i - Bound, s. XX, in vellum from a document as recovering over earlier pasteboards; earlier spine label laid down; previous binding in red-brown calf, English, ca. 1780. - On f. ii verso, twice, the name of Thomas Byrley; on the third back flyleaf, "Ihesu mercy/ of Byrley constat/ Lady helpe/ \_\_\_?\_\_\_" and "Ihesu haue mercy on me so al men." A Thomas Byrley was admitted to Lincoln's Inn in 1501; see Records of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn, Admissions (1896) 1:29 and The Black Books (1897) 1:122. The same man apparently owned a statute book now in Lincoln's Inn, Hale 176 (Misc. 12) with the inscription, "Thome Byrley constat liber." Note, s. XVI, on f. ii verso, "Thomas Hever [or Henery?] Arthur Towers Francis Arm [?] J. Anthony Francis Anderson \_\_\_?\_\_\_." Belonged to Philip Carteret Webb (1700-70); his sale, 25 February 1771, lot 2814 to John Lowes of Ridley Hall, Northumberland; Lowes' book plate on the front pastedown and, on f. ii, his acquisition note and collation of the text of the Old Tenures against the 1521 Pynson edition. By 1877 owned by Sir Henry Ingilby, Bart., of Ripley Castle, Yorkshire; in the sale of Lt.-Col. Sir William Henry Ingilby (1874-1950), Sotheby's, 21 October 1920, lot 171. Sold by Leighton, Cat. II, 2 (1921) n. 671 to Coella Lindsay Ricketts of Chicago (1859-1941). - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). HMC, 6th Report, Appendix (1877) 357. De Ricci, 649. J. H. Baker, "Migrations of Manuscripts," Journal of Legal History 1 (1980) 305.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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*Language:* French Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 15th

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### Part 1: ff. 1-117v

*Description:* - Parchment - 160 x 214 mm - 1<sup>6</sup> 2<sup>8</sup>(-1; through f. 13) 3-15<sup>8</sup>. 34 long lines, ruled in lead with top and bottom 2 lines full across; additional set of narrow double rules in the outer margin of ff. 7-69v for nota bene marks; additional vertical rule 2/3 across page for column of statutes cited on ff. 70-117v. Calendar ruled in ink; slash prick marks visible in this section.

*Country:* England

*Region:*

*Assigned Date:* s. XV<sup>med</sup>

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Document:* No

*Script:* Textura; Anglicana

*Other Decoration:* Opening initials, ff. 1, 14 and 70 in 3- and 2-line gold on white-patterned blue and maroon grounds with black ink sprays terminating in green and gold leaves or in pink and blue leaves; 3-line blue initials with red flourishing; in the calendar, 2-line initials alternating in blue with red flourishing and in gold with blue; alternating red and blue paragraph marks.

*Notes:* Calligraphic initial with 2 sketched faces, signed "w.w.," on the Byrley ownership note, f. ii verso. On the back flyleaves, rough sketches in crayon of a stag (?), a dog's head, an interlace design and a bird's head. Most of the manuscript in a legal anglicana script by the same scribe who copied a statute book in Auckland Public Library, Med. MS S157. Latin

*Acknowledgments:* - We are grateful to Jeremy Griffiths for the identification of the scribe.

*Number of Texts:* 3

*Cardinal point:*

*City:*

*Searchable Date Range:* 1440 - 1460

*Inscribed Date:*

*Number of Scribes:* ;

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### Text 1: ff. 7-13v

*Title:* Old Tenures

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* //ou tenementz sount donez a un homme a un certeyn terme

*Explicit:* astringitur ratione debeti vel contractus absolutio perpetua et cetera.

*Notes:* Old Tenures, beginning defectively in the section on mortgages, with 18 sections, continuing beyond the 1521 Pynson edition with Service de frank ferme and Auncienne demesne; at the end, a number of short definitions, Sute service through Obligatio (f. 13r-v). On ff. ii verso-iii, notes on the number of villis in England; mnemonic verses on the return days of the terms; a calendrical couplet, "Dat crux lucia cineres karismata dies/ Ne sis in angaria quarta sequens feria"; ownership notes; notes on the beginnings and endings of the terms; a note defining measurements of land, "In libro de domsday sub titulo terre Regis in comitatu Surr. inter al. continetur sic, xxiiii acres terre faciunt unam virgatam. . . ." (printed in English by HMC; see below); ff. iii verso-v verso, blank. On ff. 1-6v, calendar.

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### Text 2: ff. 14-69v

*Title:* Natura brevium

*Language(s):* French

*Incipit:* Dicitur q'il ad breve de droit patent et brief de droit clos

*Explicit:* et s'il ne demande deinz l'an donques le proscheyn//

*Notes:* Natura brevium, ending defectively in the writ Quale ius.

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### Text 3: ff. 70-117v

*Title:* Index to statutes, Accusacions to Wurstede

*Language(s):* French

*Notes:* No later additions in the spaces reserved for that purpose. On the back flyleaf iii, ownership note; a proverb, "Multa volumus, pauca scimus et minora possumus"; a biblical passage (Luke 14, 26); a citation attributed to Augustine on living a good life to avoid a bad death.